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Dear Mr. Steele:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act (copies attached). You should examine all of your contributions to check for additional excessives. The Committee's procedures for processing contributions should also be reviewed.

An individual or a political committee other than a qualified multicandidate committee may not make a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 per election. A qualified multicandidate committee and all affiliated committees may not make a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election. The term "contribution" includes any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for federal office. (2 U.S.C. §441a(a) and (f); 11 CFR §110.1(b), (e) and (k))

The Commission notes your request for the redesignation and/or reattribution of some or all of these contributions. Please be reminded that all refunds, redesignations and reattributions must be made within sixty days of receipt of the contribution. To date, one or more of the attached excessive contributions have not been refunded, redesignated, or reattributed. Copies of refund checks and copies of letters reattributing or